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FOR THE YEAR

1960

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1960.

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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of your District for 1960.

The Vital Statistics compare fairly favourably with the previous year. The Birth Rate is a little lower and the Death Rate a little higher than in 1959. There were 176 Deaths, of these, well over one half died over the age of 70 years, 57 died between 70 and 80 years, 37 between 80 and 90 years and 2 over 90 years of age.

The Still Birth Rate is slightly higher than last year. The Infant Mortality Rate is much higher - there being 10 deaths in comparison with 6 for 1958. Of these 10 deaths, 5 died under one week, 1 under one month, 3 aged one month and 1 at 10 month. Again, of these 10 deaths, 5 died from prematurity, 2 from congenital malformations, 1 from infection 1 from birth injury and infection and 1 from acute lymphatic leukaemia. These figures give a similar neo-natal and early neo-natal mortality rate of 33.3.

Cases of Cancer of the lung have decreased from 10 last year to 7 this year. Cigarette smoking is still considered a major factor in the causation of this condition. The campaign carried out to bring this home to the people has had little or no effect. The idea now is to try to prevent school children and young people from starting to smoke. I fear that while Doctors, Teachers and Councillors continue to smoke, this too will have little effect. The overall number of cases of Cancer of all parts of the body has decreased also.

There were only 7 notifications of Tuberculosis (6 Pulmonary and 1 Non-Pulmonary) - a big reduction on last year when there were 17 cases (14 Pulmonary and 3 Non-Pulmonary. 1958 was our lowest with 5 cases (4 Pulmonary and 1 Non-Pulmonary).

The number of X-Ray films taken during the Mass Radiography Unit's visit to the district was 516. This was a very poor attendance. Of the 9 cases referred for a large film, no case of Tuberculosis was discovered.

Towards the end of the year, vaccination against Tuberculosis was commenced for the first time at the schools for the 13 year old pupils. There was quite a good response, details of which are given later in the report. I would like to acknowledge the excellent co-operation given by the Head Teachers of the schools visited.

Whooping Cough notifications were only 20 and Measles were about half the number of last year.

Vaccination against Poliomyelitis continued satisfactorily during the year - no case of the disease being notified.

There was an outbreak of Infective Hepatitis which involved 21 children, strangely enough, it was confined to the pupils of one school.

During the year, the Council's programme to provide accommodation for the old aged people was stepped up and 45 Bungalows were erected in that period together with 4 Ground Floor Flats. This constituted a large percentage of the number of houses erected by the Council during 1960, but the demand for this type of accommodation increases.

Special consideration is always given to the Urgent Medical Cases but only a proportion of the bungalows can be allocated for this need and, in general, these people must be Old Age Pensioners before they can be granted a bungalow otherwise the Council lose Subsidies on their houses.

There is also the problem to be considered of providing bungalows for the Council's tenants who are Old Age Pensioners and occupying houses which can be used for families and it would greatly assist in alleviating overcrowding if such tenants would consider applying for bungalows under these circumstances.

VITAL STATISTICS

POPULATION

The Registrar General's figures for the Area at Mid 1960, show the resident population as 13,920, this being an increase of 10 over the previous year.

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	Male	Female	Total	Birth rate per 1,000 population.
Legitimate	118	88	206	15.08 Crude.
Illegitimate	2	2	4	14.62 Standard
	<u>120</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>210</u>	

COMPARABILITY FACTOR: .97

STILL BIRTHS

Legitimate	3	4	7	36.69 Crude
Illegitimate	1	-	1	42.9 Standard
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	

DEATH RATE

Deaths in Shildon Area, as per Returns to the Medical Officer of Health.	..	107
Deaths outside the area.	..	69
		<u>176</u>

Age Groups of Deaths in Shildon:

Under 1 yr.	1 - 5	5 - 15	15 - 25	25 - 45	45 - 60	60 - 70	70 - 80	Over 80	Total
3	-	1	-	2	18	20	38	26	107

Age Groups of Deaths Outside the Area:

Under 1 yr.	1 - 5	5 - 15	15 - 25	25 - 45	45 - 60	60 - 70	70 - 80	Over 80	Total
7	-	1	-	3	13	15	19	11	69

Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)

Standard - 33.3

Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)

Standard - 33.3

Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)

Standard - 73.7

Maternal Mortality (including abortion) Number of Deaths - Nil.

Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths - Nil.

Still Birth Rate (stillbirths per 1,000 live and stillbirths)

Standard - 42.9

Causes of Death, 1960.

	Male	Female
All Causes.	107	69
Tuberculosis (respiratory system)	-	-
Other Tubercular Disease.	-	-
Syphilitic Disease.	-	-
Diphtheria.	-	-
Whooping Cough.	-	-
Meningococcal Infections.	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-
Measles.	-	-
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases.	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	4	-
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	6	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast.	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	-	-
Other Malignant and Lymphatic neoplasms.	10	7
Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	2	-
Diabetes.	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	27	17
Coronary disease, angina.	23	12
Hypertension with heart disease.	2	1
Other heart disease.	7	8
Other circulatory disease.	5	10
Influenza.	-	-
Pneumonia.	2	2
Bronchitis.	10	1
Other disease of respiratory system.	2	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis.	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate.	-	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	-	-
Congenital malformations.	2	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	5	3
Motor vehicle accidents.	-	-
All other accidents.	-	2
Suicide.	-	1
Homicide and operations of war.	-	-
	107	69

DEATH RATE. (Continued)

	Male	Female	Total	Deathrate - Standard
Deaths.	107	69	176	12.06 per 1,000 population
Under 1 year.	6	4	10	55.6 per 1,000 Live Births
Still Births.	4	4	8	42.9 per 1,000 Live and Still Births.

The Death Rate for the Country (England and Wales) is 11.5 per 1,000 population.

The total number of Births in excess of Deaths during the year was 34, as against 74 for 1959, 98 for 1958, 50 for 1957, 71 for 1956 and 27 for 1955.

NOTE:

Births in excess of Deaths:

1950	..	..	..	56 No.
1951	..	..	..	52 No.
1952	..	..	..	58 No.
1953	..	..	..	64 No.
1954	..	..	..	61 No.
1955	..	..	..	27 No.
1956	..	..	..	71 No.
1957	..	..	..	50 No.
1958	..	..	..	98 No.
1959	..	..	..	74 No.
1960	..	..	..	34 No.

Population Decreases since 1950-1951:

<u>1950/1951</u>	<u>1955</u>	580 No.
14,740	14,160	
<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	110 No.
14,160	14,050	
<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	80 No.
14,050	13,970	
<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	50 No.
13,970	13,920	
<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	10 No.
13,920	13,910	

Population Increase.

<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	10 No.
13,910	13,920	

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE

The number of Deaths of children under the age of one year is 10, representing an Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births of 55.6. Of these 10, 3 occurred in Shildon.

The Infantile Mortality figure for England and Wales is 21.7 per 1,000 Live Births.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

	Death Rate per 1,000 pop'n	Inf. Mort. Rate per 1,000 Live Births.	Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live & Still Births.	Birth Rate per 1,000 pop'n	Live and Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population.
Country Average England & Wales.	11.5	21.7			19.7
Shildon.	12.06	55.6	42.9	15.08	

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Table of Cases as notified in the Whole District, set out in age groups (Civilians only)

Infectious Disease	Under 1 yr	1 - 2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-61	61 and over	At all ages
Scarlet Fever.	-	1	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.	2	3	3	3	2	7	-	-	-	-	-	8	14
Measles.	4	13	17	14	21	83	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Erysipelas.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>TUBERCULOSIS:</u>													
1. <u>Males.</u>													
a) Pulmonary.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
b) Non-Pulmonary.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2. <u>Females.</u>													
a) Pulmonary.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	
b) Non-Pulmonary.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Paratyphoid Fever.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Meningitis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Food Poisoning.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Encephalitis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Dysentery.	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
	6	19	22	18	23	94	-	-	5	7	2	10	206

TUBERCULOSIS

The following cases remained on the Register at the end of the year:

	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.	Total.
Males	63	7	70
Females	50	15	65
	<u>113</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>135</u>

This shows an increase of 6 Pulmonary and 1 Non-Pulmonary Cases over the previous year.

The number of known Tuberculosis Cases in the District represents .96% of the population, an increase of .04% over the previous year.

There were 7 Cases notified during the year in the following age groups:

	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-
1 - 5 years	-	-	-	-
5 -10 ,,	-	-	-	-
10 -15 ,,	-	-	1	-
15 -20 ,,	-	2	-	-
20 -25 ,,	-	-	-	-
25 -30 ,,	-	-	-	-
30 -35 ,,	-	-	-	-
35 -40 ,,	1	-	-	-
40 -45 ,,	1	-	-	-
45 -50 ,,	-	-	-	-
50 -55 ,,	1	-	-	-
55 -60 ,,	-	-	-	-
60 -65 ,,	1	-	-	-
	4	2	1	-

VACCINATION RETURNS FOR THE YEAR 1960

With the introduction of the National Health Act, (5th July, 1948) this became the responsibility of the Durham County Council.

During the year, the following vaccinations were carried out:

	<u>1st Injection.</u>	<u>2nd Injection</u>	<u>3rd Injection</u>
Poliomyelitis.	149	253	371

	<u>Primary.</u>	<u>Booster.</u>
Combined Diphtheria & Whooping Cough.	167	21
Diphtheria only.	8	39
Whooping Cough only.	1	-
Smallpox.	82	6 (Re-vaccinations)

B.C.G. Vaccinations.

No. of Forms distributed.	No. of Consents.	Heaf Tests. No. Neg.	No. vaccinated with B.C.G.
276	181	155 109	109

Home Help Service.

Home Helps were supplied to 97 households in the area during the year.

PARTICULARS OF DISTRICT

Area (in acres) including Eldon, Old Eldon, Middridge and Brusselton.	4,828
No. of inhabited houses in the District of which 74 were constructed during the year, 38 Condemned/Closed and Demolition Orders served under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957., 11 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936. The tenants of such houses demolished being re-housed by this Council. 87 houses were demolished as a result of Clearance.	4,645
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.	£386
Rateable Value.	£102,611

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply.

The area has a piped supply of water provided by the Durham County Water Board.

An ample supply has been maintained throughout the year, the supply is of good quality and regular bacteriological and chemical tests are carried out by the Durham County Water Board.

Refuse Collection.

The Urban Area is serviced by the Council and deals with some 4,645 houses. A weekly collection is carried out and, with the decrease in the numbers of properties in the out-lying areas due to demolition, the number of privies in the area has been reduced to 199 and this reduction should continue as a result of the Council's Scheme to give a Grant towards owners carrying out Privy Conversions on their property and it is anticipated that a Privy Conversion Scheme will be carried out in the Eldon Ward in 1961. Trade Refuse is collected throughout the year at a charge of 1/- per bin per week.

The Controlled Tip at Sunnydale has now been in operation over three years giving excellent results by the methods used.

Collection of Salvage.

This service is continued along with the normal collection of household in the area and, during the year has provided a substantial contribution to the General Rate Fund.

Description	Tons.	Cwts.	£.	s.	d.
Waste Paper (all types)	22	10	170.	6.	9.
Scrap Metal.	19	4	294.	12.	3.
			464.	19.	0.

Householders continue to assist by placing clean, dry paper in separate bundles by the Ashbin on the normal day of collection.

Drains and Sewerage.

The drains and sewers continue to work in a satisfactory manner and the Sewage Works gives excellent results.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA - Continued.

Rodent Control.

Private businesses and dwelling houses were treated as and where necessary - a charge being made to properties other than dwelling house property. A Full-time Rodent Operator is employed by the Council for the purpose of carrying out this work.

The public continue to report promptly to the Council Offices any infestation of rats and mice being found on their property.

No. of premises visited.	No. of baits laid.
451 No.	2,438 No.

The number of visits made during the year on Rat Infested premises during which treatment was carried out being 1,982.

Summary of Notices and work done in the Public Health Inspectors Department during the year ended 1960.

Houses erected in area.

	With State Assistance.	Unaided.	Total.
a) By Local Authority.	72	-	72
b) By any other Housing Authority.	-	-	-
c) By private persons.	-	2	2
	72	2	74

2. Closing and Demolition of houses.

a) Formal Action.

i) No. of houses demolished during the year as a result of Clearance Schemes or other formal action.	87 No.
ii) No. of houses Closed but not demolished as a result of formal action.	6 No.
iii) No. of houses in Clearance Areas and individual unfit houses demolition of which temporarily postponed.	20 No.
iv) No. of houses in use as temporary accommodation.	2 No.

b) Informal Action.

i) No. of houses permanently discontinued as dwellings as a result of informal action and not included above.	-
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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA - Continued

3. RECONDITIONING AND REPAIR.

No. of houses made fit during year by procedure under Housing Acts (excluding temporary accommodation) or Public Health Acts:

- a) As a result of informal action. 91 No.
- b) By owners as a result of statutory notice. 2 No.
- c) By Local Authority in default of owners. 1 No.

4. GENERAL SUMMARY.

	No. of inspec- tions.	No. of Infor- mal Notices served.	No. of Statu- tory Notices served.	Defects remedied after Notice.	Legal Proceedings and General Remarks.
<u>Housing:</u>					
Public Health and Housing Acts.	2,295	97	23	72	out to Council houses through this department by Direct Labour.
Overcrowding.	628				For re-housing purposes
	90				
<u>Sanitary Conveniences:</u>					
Insufficient	3	1	-	-	Outstanding.
Defective	4	2	2	2	
Drainage	6	3	-	3	
Water Supply	5	2	-	2	
Food Premises.	75	5	1	-	1 prosecution for sale of unsound food.
Shops Act.	-	-	-	-	
Dairies	-	-	-	-	
<u>Slaughter Houses:</u>					
Public	-	-	-	-	
Private	330	10	-	10	
Tents, Vans etc.	-	-	-	-	
Offensive Trades	-	-	-	-	
Factories and Workplaces	24	2	-	2	
Keeping of animals	-	-	-	-	
Insanitary Ashpits and Receptacles.	66	15	-	15	Carried over to 1961
Offensive Accumulations	-	-	-	-	
Smoke Nuisances	15	4	-	4	
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.	875	2	-	2	
Privy Conversion	2	-	-	-	One completed.
Standard Grants	198	-	-	-	
	4,616	143	26	112	

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA - Continued.

4.

b) Water, Food and Drugs.

Samples of water taken for Analysis (water samples are taken by the Durham County Water Board) -
 Seizures of unwholesome food (voluntarily surrendered) 59
 Samples of Food and Drugs taken for Analysis or found to be adulterated. -
 No isolated samples were taken by this Council as this is the function of the Durham County Council.
 No cases of food adulteration were reported to this Council.

c) Precautions against Infectious Disease.

Lots of infectious Bedding Stoved or Destroyed. 2
 Houses disinfected after Infectious Disease. 7

d) General.

Number of new houses Erected during the year.	74
Number of such houses Occupied during the year.	74
Total number of Water Closets in the District.	4,730
Total number of Ash-pit privies in District.	199

PRIVY CONVERSIONS.

The Scheme introduced by this Council in 1957, for a Grant of £10.0s.0d., per privy, continues to be operated, mainly in areas Eldon, Brusselton and Middridge.

The number of Conversions completed during the year ended 31st December, 1960, being 1. It is highly essential that all privies in the area should be converted to the water carriage system in the general interests of public health. Consideration has been given to the introduction of a Privy Conversion Scheme at Eldon.

MILK RETAILERS.

There are six Retail Purveyors in the District who are supplying either Pasteurised or Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) Milk. Frequent samples have been taken by the Inspector of Weights and Measures and also by the Durham War Agricultural Executive Committee's representative and all were found to be satisfactory.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES

In 1939, there were 17 Private Slaughterhouses operating in the Urban Area. During the period 1939/1954, these were not operated as all meat was brought into the District during the period of meat rationing. Since 1954, six slaughterhouses have operated, having conformed to the requirements then in operation.

Under the provisions of the Slaughterhouses Reports (Appointed Day) Order of 1959, and the Slaughterhouses (Reports) Direction of 1959, a comprehensive report was made of the slaughtering facilities in the area for submission to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. This report was compiled to indicate the number of slaughterhouses which could conform to the modern requirements necessary for the slaughtering of animals for food and also to ensure the provision of meat for this area. The Appointed Day for these regulations to come into effect on the 1st day of July, 1961, and copies of this report are available at the Council Offices, on the payment of the sum of 2s. 6d. The premises recommended as being able to comply with the regulations subject to various alterations, were as follows:

(1) J. N. Percival.	25. Church Street, Shildon.
(2) J. Studham.	49. Church Street, Shildon.
(3) F.S. Hodgson.	13. St. John's Road, Shildon.

The total number of animals inspected during the year being:

	<u>Animals</u> <u>Slaughtered.</u>	<u>No. of carcases</u> <u>with offal inspected.</u>
Cattle.	285	267
Sheep.	654	628
Pigs.	272	248

All condemned meat consisted of offals or parts thereof and the quality of animals slaughtered was high, practically 100% inspection being carried out.

HOUSING

a) The Council's Pre-War and Post-War Housing Programme are summarised as follows:

	<u>No. Erected.</u>
1919 Act.	124
1930-1935 Act.	
North Eastern Housing Association, Newcastle. (Let by this Council.)	100
Post-War Temporary Housing.	43
Post-War Permanent Housing.	744
Post-War Aged Persons Bungalows.	130
Post-War Flats.	58
(28 available for Old Aged Persons.)	

b) The 5 year Clearance Plan, as compiled in 1955, progressed to the Council's satisfaction and below is a statement of the position at 31st December, 1960:

Location.	No. of houses.	Cleared at 31.12.1960.	Still outstanding at 31.12.1960.
St. Paul's Terrace, Shildon.	5	5	-
Lilburn Street, Shildon.	2	2	-
Market Place, Shildon.	2	2	-
Summersons Yard, Shildon.	4	-	4
Auckland Terrace, Shildon. (Nos. 62 - 90)	3	3	-
Auckland Terrace, Shildon. (Nos. 11 - 17.)	5	-	5
Auckland Terrace, Shildon. (Nos. 97 - 153.)	13	-	13
Dalton Street, Shildon.	7	-	7
Marley Street, Shildon.	1	-	1
Garbutt Street, Shildon.	3	-	3
North Side, Middridge.	5	-	5
South Side, Middridge.	6	-	6
	56	12	44

c) Further Clearance is to be continued in the Auckland Terrace Area in conjunction with the re-development of that area. The first such area will include part Garbutt Street, Marley Street, Dalton Street and Auckland Terrace, Shildon, involving about 40 houses.

HOUSING - Continued.

d) Re-Housing.

During the year ended 31st December, 1960, 98 houses were let to the following groups, in accordance with the Council's allocation of houses Scheme:

Points.	..	..	73
Individual Unfit Houses...			13
Medical Cases. ..	..		7
Key Workers. ..	..		3
Eviction Cases...		..	2
			<u>98</u>

e) The number of dwellings built by the Council during the year was 72, of which 33 were houses, 35 bungalows and 4 flats, situated on the Jubilee Field Site and Waterloo Terrace Site.

The allocation of Council Houses is made on the following grounds:

- i) Clearance.
- ii) Points.

together with serious medical cases and special provisions being made to allocate bungalows to old people within the town itself.

Persons requiring housing accommodation, should complete the Housing Application Form, obtainable at the Council Offices for inclusion on the following year's Housing List.

The number of applicant's remaining on the Housing and Bungalow List at 31st December, 1960, were as follows:

Applicants.	Type of Dwelling required.
142	Two Bedroom House.
47	Three Bedroom House.
162	Bungalows.

HOUSING - Continued.

Part - I - Applications for Certificates of Disrepair:

a) No. of applications for Certificates.	1
b) No. of decisions not to issue Certificates.	-
c) No. of decisions to issue Certificates -	
i) in respect of some but not all defects.	-
ii) in respect of all defects.	-
d) No. of undertakings given by Landlords under para. 5. of the 1st Schedule.	-
e) No. of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to para. 5. of the 1st Schedule.	-
f) No. of Certificates issued.	-

Part - II - Applications for Cancellation of Certificates.

g) Applications by Landlords to Local Authority, for Cancellation of Certificates.	-
h) Objections by Tenants to cancellation of Certificates.	-
i) Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of Tenant's objections.	-
j) Certificates cancelled by Local Authority.	-
f) House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959. (Standard Grants)	

The following is a summary of applications received under the provisions of the above Act, from January, 1960 - 31st December, 1960:

i) No. of applications received.	97
ii) No. of applications approved.	86
iii) No. of applications rejected.	11
iv) No. of improvements completed.	54

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Regular visits were paid to the factories in the area and, in general, conditions were found to be good. In December, 1960, the Council were no longer responsible for the issue of Certificates for Means of Escape in the event of Fire, these duties now being carried out by the Durham County Council Fire Service.

Complaints had to be made from time to time, with regard to the emission of smoke from stacks on the Trading Estate and it is hoped that no recurrence of this will take place in the future.

I remain,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. M. HEGARTY.

Medical Officer of Health
Shildon Urban District Council

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

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This table is enclosed by a request of the Minister of Labour to indicate to Medical Officers of Health the prescribed particulars which are required by Section 128(3) of the Factories Act, 1937, to be furnished in their Annual Reports with respect to matters under Parts I and VIII of that Act which are administered by the District Council. This table, which is not intended to supersede the fuller statement which is desirable in the text of the Report, should be attached as an annex to the Report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1960 FOR THE* URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
OF SHILDON IN THE COUNTY OF DURHAM.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ⁷	1	1	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	24	-	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ⁷ (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	-	50	-	-
Total	25	51	-	-

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-

* Metropolitan Borough, County Borough, Borough, Urban District, Rural District.

⁷ To prevent any differences between the lists kept respectively by the Local Authorities and H.M. Inspectors of Factories of the numbers of factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of the Factories Act, 1937 are enforced by Local Authorities, it is requested that Local Authorities should compare their lists of factories with the lists kept by H.M. Inspectors of Factories.

⁷ i.e. Electrical Stations (Section 103(1)), Institutions (Section 104) sites of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Sections 107 & 108), Slaughterhouses (Slaughterhouses Act, 1958, Section 7) and Railway Running Sheds (Factories Act, 1959, Section 25).

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found					Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted	
	Found	Remedied	Referred				
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector			
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)		(6)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	1	-	-	-	-	
(a) Insufficient							
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-	-	
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	1	1	-	-	-	-	

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices served	Prose- cutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel	Making etc., Cleaning and Washing					
Household linen						
Lace, lace curtains and nets						
Curtains and furniture hangings						
Furniture and upholstery						
Electro-plate						
File making						
Brass and brass articles						
Fur pulling						
Iron and steel cables and chains						
Iron and Steel anchors and grapnels						
Cart gear						
Locks, latches and keys						
Umbrellas, etc.						
Artificial flowers						
Nets, other than wire nets						
Tents						
Sacks						
Racquet and tennis balls						

PART VIII OF THE ACT (Contd.)

Outwork
(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work (1)	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Paper bags						
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper						
Brush making						
Pea picking						
Feather sorting						
Carding, etc., of buttons etc.						
Stuffed toys						
Basket making						
Chocolates and sweetmeats						
Cosaques, Christmas stockings, etc.						
Textile weaving						
Lampshades						
TOTAL						

Signature

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Date 26th January, 1962.